Permanent Membership of Security Council

957. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the permanent members of the UN Security Council who have supported the candidature of India for its permanent membership and the countries who have not expressed their opinion in this regard;

(b) whether India has approached these countries for their support; and

(c) if so, their reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) There is growing momentum in support of India's candidature for permanent membership of the UN Security Council. Many developed and developing countries, including permanent members of the UN Security Council, have indicated support for India's cnadidature for permanent membership of the UN Security Council in the UN and/or bilaterally. The issue of support for India's candidature for permanent membership of the UN Security Council is taken up with all countries, including permanent members of the Security Council, in our bilateral interactions.

Pakistani Involvement in Gandhinagar Temple Attack

958. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI YADALAPATI VENKAT RAO:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether involvement of a Pakistan supported outfit in the recent attack in the Swamynarayan Temple in Gandhinagar has been apprised to all foreign countries to ensure that terrorists do not ultimately triumph; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken to propagate the Pakistani involvement therein; and

(c) the foreign countries' reactions especially to eradicate all terrorist training camps run in PoK and Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Information regarding Pakistan sponsored terrorism and the existing terrorist infrastructure, in Pakistan and Pakistan controlled territories, for support to terrorism is appropriately shared with other countries as a part of the global effort against international terrorism. Pakistan's continued involvement with and support for cross border terrorism is widely recognised and most countries have called upon Pakistan to fulful its commitment to end cross border infiltration and terrorism.

(c) The international community has shown increasing understanding of India's position that terrorism must be eradicated wherever it may exist, that there can be no justification for terrorism and the battle against terrorism would have to be global and comprehensive to succeed.

America's Attitude on Kashmir Issue

†959. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in Rashtriya Sahara on the 31st July, 2002 under the caption, "America ne Bharat ki aapatti thukrayee, Kashmir anterrashtriya mudda, kai desh suljhane mein ruchi lenge";

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government are of the view that America will support India overlooking their interests in Pakistan; and

(d) if not, whether Government would review its foreign policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Government has seen the report referred to in the question.

(b) Government has noted that the United States has, on a number of occasions, stated that all outstanding issues, including the Jammu and Kashmir issue, must be resolved through direct bilateral dialogue between India and Pakistan, for which a framework has been provided by the Simla Agreement, and that the United States does not seek a mediatory role between the two countries.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.